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Sent: 12/21/2022 10:03:15 PM
To: Chris Dobens (WE ACT) [chris@weact.org]
CC: Glenn, Olivia [Glenn.Olivia@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Join Our NYC Justice40 Tour to Help Secure Funds for Environmental Justice Communities

Hi Chris:

Nice to hear from you. This Justice40 initiative sounds so good. I heard the Texas ones went really well. I unfortunately will be out of town that weekend, so cannot join. I did also hear from Matt T that he confirmed. I am cc'ing Olivia to see if she may be able to join. Keep us posted with other events, though- we are Always happy to join!

Have a great holiday and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Lisa G

On Dec 21, 2022, at 2:15 PM, Chris Dobens (WE ACT) <chris@weact.org> wrote:

Lisa:

Apologies if I'm intruding on the holiday season, but I wanted to extend this invitation on behalf of Pamela and the rest of the WE ACT team. We are hosting a Justice40 tour of the South Bronx and Harlem on January 21st and hope you will be able to join us:

As you may know, President Biden established the Justice40 Initiative in January 2021 to ensure that people living with legacy harms are prioritized in our national transition to greener sources of energy, cleaner air and water, and the economic opportunities created by that transition. The goal of Justice40 is that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have been marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution and climate change. You likely represent such communities, and this will give you an opportunity to help secure federal funding to benefit them.

That is why we are inviting you to participate in our New York City Justice40ward Community Tour on **Saturday, January 21st from 10 AM to 5 PM**, which will be co-hosted by South Bronx Unite. WE ACT for Environmental Justice has launched a series of these regional tours in collaboration with members of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum – such as South Bronx Unite – as part of our Justice40ward campaign, a community-led effort to ensure transparency and collaboration between elected officials, municipalities, and those who live in the disadvantaged communities Justice40 was designed to support. The community tour is the first step in this process, and we are bringing together federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials with community organizations and leaders to develop a better understanding of what resources are needed and how to secure the necessary funding through Justice40.

The goal of this community tour will be to raise awareness of Justice40 investments in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act, spotlight community advocacy and environmental

justice leadership, and engage with city, state, and federal officials to ensure Justice40 investments reach communities that need them most. Attached is a draft agenda of what we envision for the day.

Please confirm whether you will be able to attend by January 9th, 2023 using this [online RSVP form](#) or by responding to this email. If you are unable to attend, we would greatly appreciate the attendance of another Senior Official from your office. Naturally, we are happy to answer any questions you may have or schedule a call to discuss this opportunity further. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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WE ACT for Environmental Justice is a Northern Manhattan membership-based organization whose mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low-income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices. WE ACT has offices in New York and Washington, D.C.

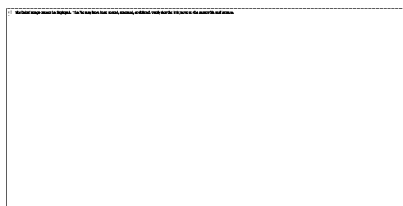
South Bronx Unite brings together neighborhood residents, community organizations, academic institutions, and allies to improve and protect the social, environmental, and economic future of Mott Haven and Port Morris.

The Environmental Justice Leadership Forum is a national coalition of nearly 50 organizations in 22 states that work to ensure a diverse grassroots perspective is present in federal, state, and local policy decisions. Members are based in red, blue, and swing states including those in the Appalachia, Deep South, Extreme Northwest, Midwest, Northeast and Southwest regions and represent Black, Latinx, Indigenous and low-income white communities in large, midsize, and small cities.

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